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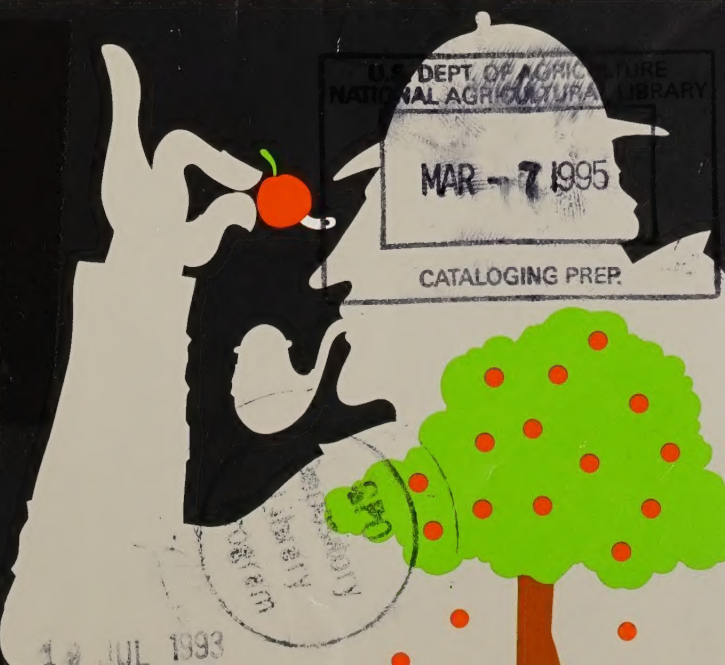


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# Fruit Fly Worm Watch Turn In a Suspect, Keep Out a Pest

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## Fruit Fly Worm Watch: Turn In A Suspect, Keep Out A Pest

The fruit fly fight needs *your* help. While agricultural officials are doing their job, they must have your support to win.

The adult fruit flies get most of the attention, but it's the young wormlike fruit fly *maggots* that do most of the damage. These fruit fly "worms" can't fly to detection traps like the adults do,—*but you might find them in your own fruit or vegetables.*

*Your* help is important. Join the Fruit Fly Worm Watch by checking your own homegrown fruits and vegetables. If you find wormy produce, don't take a chance—*turn in a suspect* by calling your local agricultural officials.

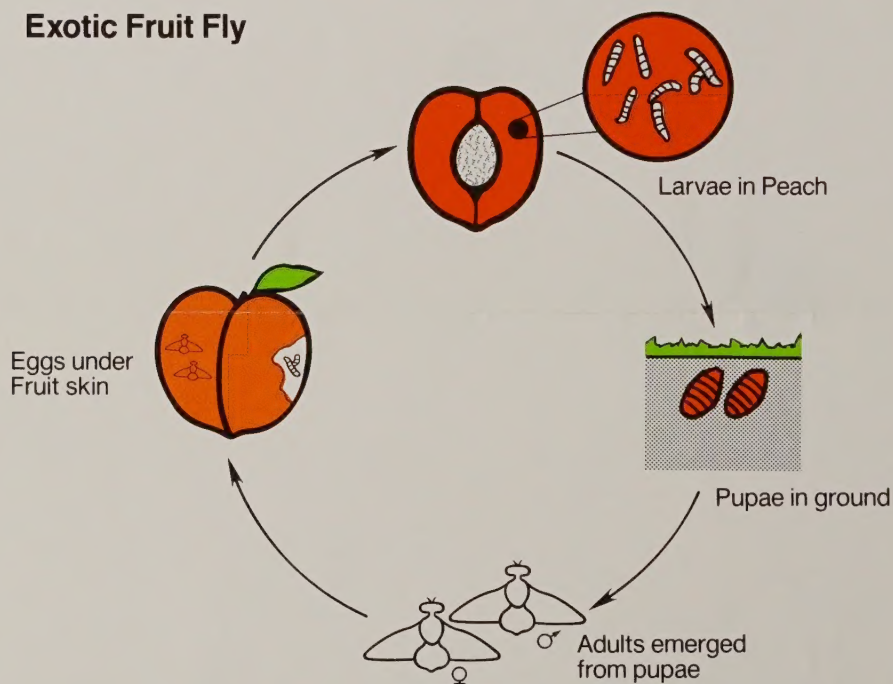
### Surveying Backyard Suspects

Most of us have seen wormy fruit. Now that we have an infestation in the area, worms you find in fruit may be young fruit flies, placed there as eggs by female flies. *Turning in* suspect worms by calling agricultural officials could be the key to preventing the spread of these costly pests.

Fruit fly maggots may be found in many fruits and vegetables; apricot, grapefruit, tangerine, orange, loquat, pineapple guava, strawberry guava, fig, kumquat, apple, cherry, peach, plum, grapes, cucumber, strawberries, tomato and nectarine are all possibilities. Some fruit flies may even be found in squash, pumpkins, green peppers or hot peppers.

To find fruit fly worms, cut open harvested fruits and vegetables and carefully examine. If you see small, wormlike larvae inside, put the produce and worms in a plastic bag and call agricultural officials.

### Exotic Fruit Fly



*Fruit fly "worms" show up in many kinds of fruit and vegetables. If you find what you believe are fruit fly worms, notify your local agricultural officials.*

### Turn It In

You can help stop the spread of these costly pests. Turn in a suspect, keep out a pest. Fruit fly eradication depends on you.